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SUBJECT: US-TANZANIA CONSULAR CONVENTION

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1. WE BELIEVE THAT TIMING IS APPROPRIATE TO PROPOSE NEGOTIATION OF A BILATERAL CONSULAR CONVENTION WITH THE TANZANIAN GOVERNMENT. WE SEE MERIT IN THE APPROACH USED IN BOTSWANA AND WOULD LIKE TO INITIATE PRELIMINARY STEPS TOWARD PREPARING FORMAL APPROACH TO THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS ON THE SUBJECT BY ALSO OBTAINING DRAFT CONVENTION FROM DEPARTMENT.

2. TANZANIA HAS BEEN GENERALLY WILLING TO ACCEPT 1951 UNITED STATES/UNITED KINGDOM AND COMMONWEALTH PRACTICES AS A BASIS FOR CONSULAR RELATIONS WITH THE US. HOWEVER, UNDER CURRENT LAW TANZANIA IS BOUND ONLY BY THE VINNA CONVENTION WHICH DOES NOT CARRY SPECIFIC AGREEMENTS TO THE EXTENT WE WOULD LIKE. WHILE FORTUNATELY WE HAVE HAD NO GLARING CASES OF LATE, NORMAL TANZANIAN PRACTICES DO NOT EXTEND TO INFORMING US ABOUT ARREST CASES ON A TIMELY BASIS OR TO GRANTING IMMEDIATE ACCESS TO

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ARRESTED AMERICANS. THERE ARE OTHER IMPORTANT GUARANTEES WHICH HOPEFULLY WOULD BE PUT INTO EFFECT BY BILATERAL CONSULAR CONVENTION.

3. IN THE WAKE OF PRESIDENT NYERERE'S VISIT TO THE US AND THE IMPROVEMENT IN TANZANIAN/AMERICAN RELATIONS IN THE LAST YEAR AS WELL AS AN IMPROVEMENT AT THE WORKING LEVEL IN PROVIDING

ASSISTANCE TO US IN DEALING WITH AMCIT PROBLEMS, WE BELIEVE TIME COULD BE RIGHT TO CONSIDER NEGOTIATIONS WITH TANGOV ON CONSULAR TREATY.

4. TO GET SOME IDEA OF PROBABLE TANZANIAN REACTION TO SUCH A PROPOSAL, AMBASSADOR BROACHED THE SUBJECT OF A CONSULAR CONVENTION WITH FONMIN PRINCIPAL SECRETARY WHO HAD A MIXED REACTION. LATTER INDICATED THAT TANZANIA WOULD LIKE TO FORMALIZE AGREEMENTS ON CONSULAR MATTERS BUT WOULD BE VERY CAREFUL ON SPECIFICS OF TREATY. FURTHERMORE, HE SAID THAT THE PROCESS OF ARRANGING NEGOTIATIONS WOULD BE SLOW SINCE HIS MINISTRY'S LEGAL STAFF EXTREMELY UNDERMANNED. HE DID PROMISE TO TAKE MATTER UP WITH CHIEF LEGAL ADVISOR.

5. WHILE WE CANNOT PREDICT HOW TANZANIA WILL REACT IF WE FORMALLY PROPOSE TREATY AND PRESENT OUR DRAFT AS BASIS FOR NEGOTIATIONS, IT IS OUR BELIEF THAT THE PROPOSAL WOULD BE GIVEN SERIOUS CONSIDERATION. IT WOULD BE WELL WORTH THE EFFORT IF A BILATERAL CONVENTION COULD EVENTUALLY BE SIGNED. TO THIS END, WE REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT PREPARE DRAFT CONVENTION AND FORWARD FOR OUR REVIEW AND EVENTUAL PRESENTATION TO THE TANZANIAN GOVERNMENT.  
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